

enhances the current Interagency Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance, section 319E of the Public Health Service Act. The bill improves data collection on antibiotic use, supports education to encourage appropriate use of antibiotics and provides an organized system of surveillance and isolate collection.

New Jersey, like other states in the Northeast, has a unique problem that is quickly spreading to other parts of the country—the emergence of *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, a bacteria that is resistant to almost all antibiotics available on the market. The trend was not immediately noticed and as a result, the bacterium spread to other parts of the country. The STAAR Act establishes Antimicrobial Resistance Clinical Research and Public Health Network sites which will be coordinated across the United States to improve our information about emerging infections, as well as conduct and support research.

This is an issue that requires action, not more study and more talk. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation to combat antimicrobial resistance.

#### SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

SPEECH OF

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2007*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today in support of H. Res. 590, which supports the goals and ideals of domestic violence awareness month and expresses that Congress should continue to raise awareness of domestic violence in the United States and its devastating effects on families and communities.

Domestic violence is a serious and pervasive problem in America and throughout the world. According to the Family Violence Prevention Fund, estimates on the number of incidents of violence against a current or former spouse range from 960,000 to 3 million each year; and more than 3 women are murdered by their husband or boyfriend in America every day.

Without question, these statistics are alarming and must be taken seriously. I truly believe that together, we can eliminate domestic violence from homes across the country and ensure that our children grow up in a healthy and peaceful environment.

In order to achieve this change, Congress must continue to pass laws that protect the rights of victims and punish their abusers. In 1994, Congress passed Violence Against Women Act, VAWA, which provided an additional \$1.6 billion to enhance investigation and prosecution of violent crimes against women and allowed civil redress in cases prosecutors chose to leave unprosecuted. The results from this legislation are tangible and encouraging, between 1993 and 2004, domestic violence in the United States declined significantly, with nonfatal incidents dropping more than 50 percent, according to data from the Bureau of Justice Statistics. Nonfatal incidents of intimate partner violence fell from 5.8 per 1,000 residents in 1993 to 2.6 victimizations per 1,000 in 2005.

In 2005, I worked with my colleagues to make further improvements to VAWA by also recognizing male victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. In its current form VAWA has so profoundly changed the way our Government prosecutes these crimes that the National Organization of Women heralded the bill as “the greatest breakthrough in civil rights for women in nearly two decades.”

Today, as we recognize National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we must remember that there is still plenty of work to do to eradicate domestic violence from our homes and communities.

#### HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY ANTONIO “TONY” POMERLEAU

**HON. PETER WELCH**

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 27, 2007*

Mr. WELCH of Vermont. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor today in celebration of the 90th birthday of a truly remarkable Vermonter, Antonio “Tony” Pomerleau.

When Tony was 3 years old, he fell down a flight of stairs, injuring himself so seriously that he was forced to wear an iron corset and doctors said he wouldn’t make it past his 12th birthday. Clearly, Tony saw things differently, and today, on his 90th birthday, we express our deep appreciation for all that he has given to our state.

As an entrepreneur, police chief, philanthropist, and community leader, from his service as a trustee at St. Michael’s College to his annual Christmas dinner party for underprivileged children, Tony has positively influenced the lives of thousands of Vermonters.

Tony’s entrepreneurial spirit shone through at an early age when he would sell haircuts, wash cars, and help in his family’s store. In 1942, he bought a failing grocery store. Three years later, he had not only turned that grocery store around, he owned three more stores and a wholesale beverage business.

In 1951, he entered real estate. He built the Ethan Allen Shopping Plaza, the first shopping center in Vermont. Today, “Pomerleau Real Estate” is a household name across Vermont.

But Tony’s skill in business is more than matched by his generosity of spirit. Tony is perhaps most well known for his annual Christmas dinners which he started in 1982. In 2004, he expanded the tradition, hosting a party for the families of Vermont Guardsmen and women deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In addition, he served for many years as a trustee at St. Michael’s College, has endowed scholarships at Rice Memorial High School, and been a leading supporter of the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, and the United Way of Chittenden County.

As the Burlington Free Press, our state’s largest newspaper, said it so well in naming Tony the 2006 Vermonter of the Year, “Everyone has a seat at Tony Pomerleau’s table.”

Thank you Tony, for all that you do to make Vermont such a wonderful place, and congratulations on a very special birthday.

#### RECOGNIZING COLORADO PARK COUNTY AND JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICES AND PLATTO CANYON AND ELK CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENTS

**HON. DOUG LAMBORN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 27, 2007*

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and recognize the heroic actions of the Park County Sheriff’s office, Jefferson County Sheriff’s office, Platte Canyon Fire Department, and the Elk Creek Fire Department for their quick response to the hostage standoff that occurred at Platte Canyon High School on Wednesday, September 27, 2006.

On that morning at 11:40 a.m., a deranged man entered an English class, taking six students hostage at gunpoint. Over several terrifying and horrific hours, four were released. As the tense minutes dragged on, the officers knew that they had to act quickly if the remaining two girls were to be rescued.

Committed to saving the lives of these two young women, the Park County Sheriff gave the go ahead order and the officers charged into the classroom, unaware of what they would confront. Their courageous acts saved one young life, but the other was taken by a madman determined to kill.

The brutal and senseless murder of 16-year-old Emily Keyes devastated the mountain town. Home to around 7,650 Coloradans, Bailey is a tight-knit community where everyone knows one another, often by name. It is this bond that has provided solace for the town as it continues to heal and to grieve.

We cannot hope to understand what would motivate a person to commit such an evil and heartless act. Yet, as we remember the one-year anniversary of this senseless tragedy, and lament the tremendous losses suffered by the community of Bailey, we must also praise the courageous efforts of these first responders. The rapid and selfless actions of the police and fire departments almost surely precluded further loss of life, and for that the people of my district and the State of Colorado are grateful.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2881, FAA REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

**HON. RUSS CARNAHAN**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 20, 2007*

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in strong support of this rule and of the underlying bill. I am proud of H.R. 2881, The FAA Reauthorization Act of 2007, and I commend Chairman OBERSTAR and my good friend, Subcommittee Chairman COSTELLO, for their thorough work on this legislation.

Our committee has worked very hard on this bill. We held many hearings and heard from countless representatives of the aviation industry—including airlines, manufacturers, airports, labor groups, and passenger coalitions. The result of those hearings was this fine